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Shumaker says Tennessee still owes him money

Will York
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Former UT president John W. Shumaker, who resigned in August 2003 surrounding allegations of financial scandal, says that the UT system still owes him nearly a half million dollars in severance. Shumaker's attorney, Dan Warlick, filed a claim last Thursday with the Tennessee Division of Claims Administration for breach-of-contract. Warlick claims that the University has not followed through with its word.

The University of Tennessee system

consists of over 50,000 students on five campuses.

The University refused to comment on the matter, but Chancellor Nick Dunagan said concerning Shumaker's rehashing, "I was amazed. Former president Shumaker would be best served to move forward in life, which would be good for him and for UT."

Shumaker, 62, resigned because of intense pressure from the Board of Trustees over extravagant waste of taxpayer money, including multiple charters of private airplanes, expensive personal parties, and a \$4,822 gas grill. Last year trustees voted

unanimously to pay Shumaker the severance package at the urging of Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen. Now, the trustees are retracting their previous vote.

The board's rationale in initially approving the severance was monetary benefit; the board allegedly would have saved over one million in contract buyouts by paying the \$422,956 lump-sum. The six-year contract buyout could have been as



Shumaker

much as \$1.7 million.

After state auditors revealed that Shumaker may have broken as many as four state laws, including fudging figures to cover up a hotel stay in Texas, Bredesen and the board changed their minds. Following the result of the audit, the board immediately rescinded the severance payment. But Knox county District Attorney General Randy Nichols says that Shumaker has been cleared of all charges.

\$242,000 of the package would come from public taxpayer funds.

Freshmen take flight as UTM comes alive

Enrollment climbs to near record levels as incoming freshmen strive to maintain stringent GPA requirements of HOPE scholarship

Tyler Hastings
Technical Editor

In an Elam Center packed with the largest incoming freshman class in UTM history, guest speaker Delatorro L. McNeal spoke to nearly 1,200 new students of the challenges that lie ahead of them.

His energetic speech on August 23 involved audience reaction as well as interaction and was based upon his "five P's of collegiate success."

"Success," McNeal said, "is doing what you love and finding someone to pay you for it."

The first "P" he talked about was purpose.

"Many students wish to be in your place. You have purpose," said McNeal. He also told students that if they weren't on their own mission, they would "become someone else's mission."

The second "P" was potential. "Maximize your potential," he said. McNeal said he was being labeled as an "at risk" youth at age 5. He also told of how he would "escape" to school after going through his parents' divorce.

The third "P" was pain. "It's not what happens to you, but what happens in you," McNeal said.

He asked the students to

pursue their passion, the fourth "P".

McNeal described hand-crafting his degree in college in order to do something he loved. He told the audience about getting laid off from a corporate job and rebounding by pursuing his passion, changing people's lives by becoming a motivational speaker. Today McNeal is a professional speaker, author, CEO and President of A Noval Idea Inc.

The final "P" he talked about was power. "The only competition you have to be powerful is yourself," he told the audience. He talked of having the power to overcome fear and closed his speech by recalling a line from the movie "Karate Kid" where Mr. Miyagi tells Daniel, "It's O.K. to lose to your opponent but not to fear."

McNeal stayed after his speech to meet with some of the freshmen and sign his book, titled Robbing the Grave of its Greatness! Those interested can read more about McNeal at www.delmcneal.com.

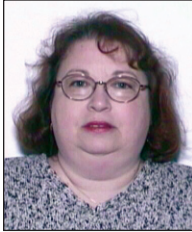


Brannon, Vickerstaff named to UT Board of Trustees positions

Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor



Brannon



Vickerstaff

Gov. Phil Bredesen today named seven Tennesseans to fill vacancies on the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, the Tennessee Board of Regents, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation Board of Directors.

Among those named to the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees were Lauren Brannon, student trustee, and Dr. Susan Vickerstaff, faculty trustee.

Brannon is a senior marketing major pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration. She received the UTM Dean's Scholarship, the Leaders in Residence Scholarship and the UT Alumni Valedictorian Scholarship. She is a member of Order of Omega and Rho Lambda.

"Lauren has contacted me about her appointment and she is very excited about having the chance to represent the students of the UT system," SGA president Dusty Dean said Saturday.

"I've already contacted the student body presidents at UTK and UTC. We are all excited to see the initiatives she will pursue for the students of our system," said Dean.

Brannon was not immediately available for comment.

Vickerstaff is an associate professor and is chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice. Vickerstaff previously served as an assistant professor at the UT College of Social Work in Memphis. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the State of Tennessee Board of Social Work Certification and Licensure.

Vickerstaff earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Mississippi State College for Women, a master's degree in social work from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, a master's degree in public health from the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and a doctorate in social work from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

The University of Tennessee (UT) Board of Trustees governs the entire UT system, including campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Martin. The system serves a total of 42,000 students across the state.

ETSU student Dawn Blackwell was named to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, while Victoria Wheeler of LeMoyne-Owen College was named to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation.

Soybean Festival brings campus and community together

University Relations

Whether it's a country music show, a gospel concert, classic rock performance, an evening of Big Band music or soul and jazz, the 11th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival, Sept. 7-12, has it.

Free concerts on the stage on Lindell Street in downtown Martin will feature Brian McComas, country artist; Larnelle Harris, gospel performer; Classic Rock All-Stars; Tequila Sunrise, an Eagles tribute group; and the Soul Shockers. Rounding out musical entertainment will be Radio Daze, performing big band selections; The Peacemakers, the Memphis Police Department's nationally known choral group; and 10-O-C, a six-member rockabilly band.

"We are really pleased with the way the free concert schedule enhances the overall festival," said David Belote, festival chair-

Community Happenings

man, Martin alderman and UTM assistant vice chancellor for student affairs.

"There should be something for every musical preference in this year's offerings," said Belote.

Radio Daze, focusing on music from the big band era, will lead off the concerts at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7. The 23-piece band hails from Nashville and performs music from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s made popular by Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and the Andrews Sisters. Many are played in the original arrangements.

Larnelle Harris, with more than two decades of recording, five Grammys and 10 Dove Awards, will headline the Faith and Community evening entertainment at 7 p.m. Sept. 8. A native of Danville, Ky., Harris has made numerous network television appearances and had more than a

dozen No. 1 records. A community choir also will perform. The concert will be preceded by a community dinner and a Celebration of Community Service which begins at 5 p.m.

The Soul Shockers, with a blend of R&B, jazz and oldies, will take center stage at 9 p.m. Sept. 9. The five members of the Soul Shockers hail from Memphis and are applauded for their high-energy performance.

On Sept. 10, The Peacemakers, an a cappella group formed in 1986 for the City of Memphis' first Police Memorial Service, will perform at 7 p.m. The police officers have appeared at 5,000 programs performing for nearly 1 million people and entertained at NFL, NBA and NHL games and on Good Morning America three times.

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Editorial: Shumaker has no claim to severance pay

How on earth does that man sleep at night? Has he no conscience?

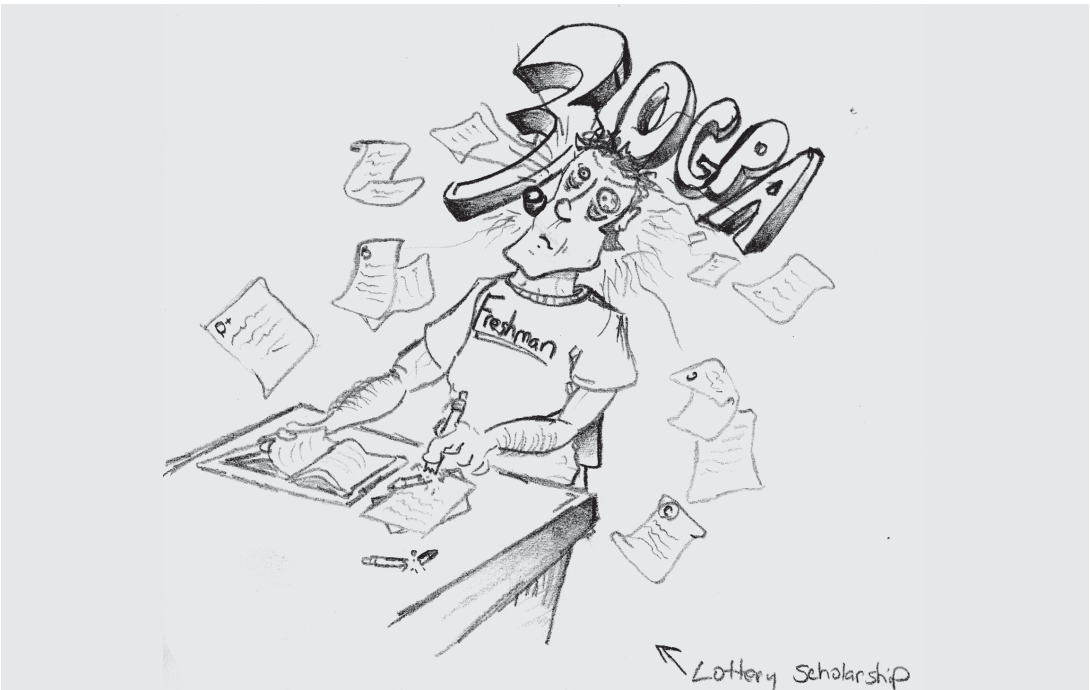
Those may very well be the questions on many Tennesseans' minds as we learned that Dr. John Shumaker, former president of the University of Tennessee system, has filed a breach-of-contract grievance against the state to claim some \$423,000 in severance pay.

The funds that would have been paid out of the original agreement were ordered frozen by Governor Bredesen as more and more questions arose about the extent of the wrongdoing that Shumaker may have committed.

In the days of the Old West, he would have been run out of town on the first train. It is ludicrous to say that he has any right to take money from the Tennessee taxpayers after what he did. The fact that he was left off the hook has done enough damage as it is.

Will John Shumaker ever be brought to justice? No, probably not. But we believe that no jury with a conscience would allow him to continue this charade of being "misunderstood" by the public.

We call on state legislators and UT officials to be solid in their resolve to keep this scoundrel out of our coffers.



Freshmen are the real Olympians

You know the semester is about to start when a thousand wide-eyed freshmen descend on the UTM campus.

We come here like Olympians, hailing from many lands to share one thing in common: lighting our torches off a singular massive cauldron of learning. Although not as grand as the recent Athenian ceremony, the weeklong festivities they call Freshman Welcome Week is our opening ceremony, teaching us about the wonders of the campus and the innards of its operation.

Replete with PEPs, picnics, free food, and innumerable droning incantations of "get involved," we sat through hours of general sessions and played thousands of ice-breakers.



Will York
Asst. Section Editor

Oddly enough, fewer and fewer of us showed up with each successive meeting; slowly the week's participants were beginning to look like the American basketball team in Athens. I for one

have little room to criticize; I don't believe I was on time for a single freshman event.

But the goal of that tiresome week is baptism by fire; it is showing the freshman that "This is UTM. Do with it what you please."

And of course some of the information was pointless.

There will be plenty of us who, despite rants over academic probation, will choose not to get that 2.0.

There will be more of us, despite repeated boastings by school officials of this class's high average ACT -

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Change: A must to survive college

Change is simply a part of life and one must learn to deal or ultimately be left behind.

That is the mantra for me this week.

As I enter my final semester of college, I am bombarded every waking moment by change.

A few changes for me this semester are learning a new class schedule, adjusting to two new work schedules, attempting to master the new layout program for the newspaper that you are reading right now and getting all my t's crossed and i's dotted before I receive that expensive piece of paper for which I have worked so hard for the past four and a half years.

For freshmen, I know this time brings great uncertainty and great discovery.

I remember my first week of college and it wasn't as bad as they make it out to be on the silver screen, even though members of a UTM fraternity were standing on top of their mansion screaming bright and early at 7 a.m. for no apparent reason. But still, that did not scare me away, just deterred me from going to that particular house.

One thing that I did learn rather quickly was to take advantage of all that was offered to me because I knew



Lisa Ashby
Viewpoints Editor

that five years down the road I did not want to be a contestant in the "coulda, woulda, shoulda" game.

To all UTM students: Take advantage of the next few weeks; it is the "honeymoon time" of the semester.

Here is why the first third of the semester is called the "honeymoon time" of each semester: Things are going along smoothly (sometimes too smoothly) and no major papers or projects are due. It is during this period that people tend to have more fun. But come late September, things will increase at a high rate of speed.

Don't fret; fall break will be along soon, then Thanksgiving break, and then Christmas break, or, for me and other December graduates, graduation time.

As you walk across campus, do not forget who you are. Try anything once, unless it is illegal or against your morals or beliefs, otherwise, everything else is fair game.

At the end of the day, you are the one who must go to

bed and try to sleep. If you aren't happy, all that pondering will make you weak and weary (to paraphrase Edgar Allan Poe).

Don't worry about making others happy. They are there and you are here. Plus, no matter how many times you get written up or arrested, you are the one who will have to live with your mistakes, not your family. The important thing is to be happy.

Hopefully, by experimenting a bit, you won't get kicked out of UTM. Stick around for a while. This place has a habit of growing on you. I should know.

After years of complaining about coming from a small town and then going to college in a different small town, I strangely find myself sneaking back home or finding a reason to come back here.

College life is a huge adjustment. Many students go from having parents who do everything for them such as cook, clean, do laundry, grocery shop and make their beds to all of a sudden having to do it on their own. It may seem like a huge change but it isn't really. Just keep a budget and a daily schedule and you will be fine.

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Theresa A. Oliver
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Pets bring pleasant baggage

My cat and I have been through thick and thin together; maybe a few of you can relate.

I got my cat when he was 6 months old at a time when I needed a friend. I know that everyone thinks that their pets are special, but mine really is.

I adopted him from an animal shelter in Florida. It is weird because I had picked out another cat.

When the day came that I received the call to pick him up from the shelter, I was busy at work and I could not go, so a friend picked him up for me. When she brought him in, I just looked at him for a moment.

She could tell that something was up by the look on my face.

"Don't tell me I got the wrong cat," she said.

I told her not to worry about it, but it was as if it was meant to be.

Before I married my husband and had two kids, at first it was just me and Critter, my cat.

Each night when I laid down and began to say my prayers, Critter, no matter where he was in my one bedroom apartment, would sense that I was praying and would come rushing in.

He would put his paws together on my chest, bow his head and we prayed together. He did this every night.

I had touch tone lamps at the time and, if I was a bit late coming home from work, he would turn the lights on in the living room for me.

At first, this scared the tar out of me. I thought that maybe someone was in the house. But then one night as dusk approached, I witnessed who the culprit was.

I could go on about the many talents that he has, like opening and closing doors and, now, letting my children play with him and, at times, terrorize him as well. He takes it all in stride.

But now he is aging and is not the spry kitten I once knew. And although he is a bit slower and does a few things that he knows he shouldn't; he is still the same Critter, the best cat I ever had.

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SGA making changes in new academic year

On behalf of the student body I'd like to welcome all of our transfer and freshmen students and say welcome back to all of our returning students.

This semester has already proven to be a semester of firsts. Through the efforts of your SGA along with the faculty senate ad hoc calendar committee, we are now starting back later than ever and we now have an extended Thanksgiving break.

Also, this year's student body, with the advent of lottery scholarships, could prove to be the largest student body ever. It would only make sense that with all of these changes that you would begin to see a change in your SGA and the way you are represented.

We've been working hard all summer in refocusing your SGA.



Dusty Dean
SGA President

Our Web site (sga.utm.edu) has finally been updated with accurate information for the first time in nearly two years.

I've spent the past few months building strong relationships with the UT System administration, UTM administration, along with many student organizations.

I would like for all the students of UTM to know that this year's SGA takes your needs, interests and concerns very seriously and that I do sincerely care about our campus and our students and want nothing more than to move us forward.

I plan to be a very visible student body president and plan to attend countless student events so please when you see me on campus do not hesitate to come up to me and discuss your concerns. I am here for you and I always will have time for my peers.

Our first meeting is at 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, in the Legislative Chambers and everyone is invited.

I wish everyone a happy and successful semester.

SGA Meeting Schedule

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Legislative Chambers

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, Legislative Chambers

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, Legislative Chambers

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College and change have a lot in common. If you feel like you need to get away for a couple of hours, break away from your dorm room or apartment and go explore Martin. This may be a small town but it is extremely beautiful. Feel free to take a stroll around any park in Martin. The fresh air will do your brain some good.

If you start to feel overwhelmed, do not hesitate to visit the friendly staff at the Counseling Center in the UC for a chat.

Yes, you can talk over your problems with a friend, but that friend may spread your secret around, which will not happen at the Counseling Center. The staff is here to help make the transition into college as smooth as possible. The visits are free and confidential.

These times are a changing and, as Gail Sheehy said, "If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living."

Since this is the first week of classes, one would think that it is too early to have anything to gripe about. That thought was abolished when the new fire alarm in Cooper Hall went off at 2 a.m. Monday.

I awoke to this loud honking noise. Once I figured out what it was, I procrastinated about getting out because I wanted to be as close to my bed as possible.

I stumbled out of the building and stood outside for

about 15 to 30 minutes along with all the other residents of Cooper.

After waiting outside for someone to let all of us in (since the doors are locked around midnight), an R.A. finally comes to the door and informs us all that it was a malfunction.

Well, Cooper housing staff, please don't let this "malfunction" happen again. If need be, take notes from the Janet Jackson fiasco that occurred during the Super Bowl halftime show.

I, as well as others, need my sleep to work two jobs, attend class and all the other activities that fill up my day.

Labor Day weekend is almost upon us. Get out there and have some fun!

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I watch him at times and I know that our time together is growing short. But I am comforted in knowing that he has earned his place in heaven. We will be together again one day.

But when he is gone, I'll think back to the days that a praying cat gave me a lot of comfort, joy, love and friendship ... and I'll remember.

Someone once told me that when we die, our pets will be waiting outside the Gates of Heaven for us and we will all walk in together. It is a nice thought.



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composite, who will not keep their lottery scholarships. Sometimes we can try, just like so many athletes in Athens, but we won't succeed.

Some of us are doomed from the outset because we think we don't have what it takes to succeed, just like the many athletes in Athens banned for doping violations. That's when it comes time to work harder. We are here for different reasons, even though they tell us that our priority is an education.

Even though Freshman Welcome Week may have been a worthwhile effort, I do not see how it can really help us become better students.

Freshmen have been building study habits – or a lack thereof – for 13 years, and no marathon-sized freshman experience can help us.

Freshmen, we are ourselves now. As the theme of Freshman Welcome Week says, "the sky's the limit."

You can be who you want to be now without the conde-

scension of your family, high schools, or any other influence.

You are free to drink as much as your liver can process and to learn as much knowledge as your brain can hold.

No one else can change who you are, so if you want to jump the high hurdles of success, you've got to be the one who does it.

The next four or five or 25 years will be decathlon for us, but we can stick it out. Go

for the gold.

Even though you may not score that perfect 10 every time, there's something to gain from it. Learn from your mistakes.

And when it comes time for the closing ceremonies of the next UTM Olympiad, may your flame be burning brighter than ever. Now that the Welcome Week honeymoon is over and real classes are starting, let the games begin.

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Student Success Center receives \$1.8 million grant

Kevin Teets
Managing Editor

Freshmen looking to succeed can now turn to over \$1.8 million worth of resources provided by the Student Success Center. The center is largely funded by a Title III grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to be used over the next five years.

The transition from high school to college is not easy for everyone. Many students come on campus not sure of what they want to major in and others have difficulty with academic performance. This year, if students need assistance or want to achieve, then they should know that the Student Success Center is there to help them reach their potential.

“Our mission is to help students obtain their academic goals,” director George Daniel says. “We’re going to do our best to provide help every step of the way at UTM.”

Daniel says that the purpose of the grant is also for retention. When students are provided the tools for success, they will want to continue to be a part of what UTM has to offer.

The center offers programs dealing with academic counseling, career counseling, testing services, academic diagnostics, and national student exchange. The center will be working with students during Freshman Welcome Week and throughout the semester during general studies courses. By the end of this year, Daniel says that as many as 3,000 students could be affected by what the success center has to offer.

Programs for academic counseling include advising undeclared students and working with students on conditional admission and nontraditional students. Career counseling services include career inventory assessment and Myers-Briggs testing.

Academic success is also obtainable through programs such as study skill workshops and a learning styles inventory. The Supplemental Instruction (SI) program will provide students with one hour of study with a classroom peer for every hour of academic instruction in that class. The SI program is open to all students, not just freshmen.

Students can also find assistance through the math labs, writing labs and reading labs that are supported by the Student Success Center.

To contact the Student Success Center, students can call 881-1689 or 881-7744. They can also stop by 202 or 210 Clement Hall. The center can be reached by e-mail at success@utm.edu.

ROTC members show students the ropes

Theresa Oliver
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Active-duty Army and ROTC members were busy demonstrating the fundamentals of their one-rope bridge and climbing wall outside of the UC to students passing by Wednesday, Aug. 25. Students were encouraged to try them out, with proper and careful supervision from the military leaders.

“The purpose is for fun, adventure and training, and also to take away stereotypes,” said Sgt. 1st Class John A. Taylor in regard to the demonstration.

“The program gives students a great opportunity to test themselves and to develop mind and leadership skills within the ROTC program. Team-building activities such as these provide good exercise, keeping the body in shape as a whole,” Taylor said. “The one-rope bridge is set up as a team using certain knots and a tightening system. Students are taught detail and synchronicity.”

“We are not only geared toward producing military leaders, but managers in other positions of leadership within the community as well.”

Taylor teaches first year students, Sgt. Buckley teaches second year students, third year students are taught by Capt. Donny Hebel and Lt. Col. Robert DeYeso teaches fourth year students.

Lt. Kyle Harris is active Army and is a recent graduate of the program and a

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Recent UTM graduate dies in car wreck

Staff Reports

Dustin Robert Stovall was buried Wednesday, May 19, only four days after he graduated from UTM.

Stovall, 22, of Middlefork died after a two-vehicle accident on Highway 22A about 31/2 miles south of Lexington on Sunday evening, May 16. The other driver, Joe N. Hamilton of Lexington, also died in the crash.

“God’s plan for him was different than what we wanted,” said Stovall’s mother, Nancy Little Stovall. “We

went from the happiest day of our lives on Saturday to the worst day of our lives on Sunday.”

Stovall had graduated magna cum laude Saturday, May 15, with a bachelor of arts degree in Communications and an emphasis in Public Relations. His minor was English and he had planned to enter law school.

His brother, Cody Stovall, a sophomore at Jackson State Community College, said



Stovall

Stovall was flown to Jackson General Hospital by Air Evac after rescue workers detected a heartbeat at the wreck scene. However, the heartbeat was lost en route to Jackson, meaning that Stovall’s organs could not be donated, though he believed strongly in organ and tissue donation. Stovall’s family said his corneas and other tissues were donated.

A report in the Chester County Independent quoted

the Tennessee Highway Patrol as saying that the trucks struck on the passenger sides and that neither driver was wearing a seat belt. The THP believes safety belts would have made a difference in the outcome of the wreck, the newspaper article read.

Stovall’s father, Dennis Stovall, said the truck’s air bags did deploy. He added that the family was told by law enforcement personnel that the other driver’s blood alcohol content registered .26, well above Tennessee’s legal BAC limit of .08.

Ground breaks for new apartment-style dorms

Kevin Teets
Managing Editor

A groundbreaking ceremony was conducted Aug. 12 to mark the official start of construction on Phase I of the apartment-style housing

at UTM.

Phase I of the apartment-style buildings has been delayed since July 1, the date the construction was originally planned to begin.

Located on the site of Austin Peay Residence Hall, the

fully-furnished apartments will be home to 396 students, and are projected to be ready for occupancy by fall 2005. The complex will include 134 two-, three- and four-bedroom apartments.

The complex was designed

by TLM Associates, Inc., of Jackson and Evans Taylor Foster Childress Architects of Memphis in a joint venture. Total cost for Phase I is \$16.7 million.

New 881 prefix, dubbed ‘UT1,’ now in effect

Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor

First it was the 38238 zip code, now a new telephone prefix that separates UTM from your typical Martin city residents.

The telephone prefix for UT Martin has changed from 587 to 881 (UT1) effective June 26. The university’s toll-free numbers, including 1-800-829-UTM1 that reaches the Office of Admissions, remain the same.

The change, financed over a 12-year period by the resale of long distance service to campus residents, opens the door for expansion. The existing switch lacked the capability for additional inward-dial numbers as the university’s needs grew.

A “switch” refers to a piece of electronic equipment used to route both on and off-campus calls to their proper destination.

The 587 prefix will roll over to the new 881 prefix for

about six months. After that time, the 881 prefix must be dialed to reach the Martin campus. Additional information about the change has been published online by the Office of Information Technology Services.

According to the Web site, the switch brings more than just different numbers to dial. Those wishing to dial off-campus must now press ‘9’ instead of ‘5’. UTM Long Distance users will still use ‘2’ to access their service while on campus.

One of the more notable additions is Caller ID, a service previously unavailable with the older system. However, in order to utilize the service, users must use a Caller ID-capable telephone or separate Caller ID box.

Another change is the way you login to your voice mail if calling from an off-campus telephone.

“You must now place a ‘1’ in front of your mailbox number, as the system re-

out with the old:

731-587-XXXX
dial ‘5’ to call off-campus

in with the new:

731-881-XXXX
dial ‘9’ to call off-campus

quires five digits,” Vicki Stout of Telephone Services said. “However, this change does not effect on-campus users.”

If you have an extension beginning with a “11” number, these numbers have already been changed to start with “18.” This affects mostly the students in Cooper Hall

and about 20 staff members. Trying to dial a number beginning in “11” will re-route your call to the Public Safety Dispatcher.

Those having questions about the change should call The Office of Information Technology Services at (731) 881-7900 or e-mail helpdesk@utm.edu.

The Pacer’s staff writer meetings
will be held at 5:15 p.m. Tuesdays in 316 Gooch.

Pacer Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer’s “Bulletin Board” section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@mars.utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Legislative Internship Program Applications are now available for internships with the Tennessee legislature. Applicants must be juniors, seniors, or graduate students who are residents of the state of Tennessee and have both a 3.0 GPA and an interest in the legislative process. Completed forms will be required by Oct. 1. The internships provide a stipend and also academic credit (12 hours). Interns will be in Nashville for the entire spring semester. Contact Dr. Ted Mosch for applications at BA 225, tmosch@utm.edu or (731) 881-7481.	Non-Degree Pottery Class Tuesdays, Aug. 31 - Oct. 5 6 - 9 p.m. Fee: \$55 (plus \$20 supply fee) Instructor: Patrick Green No experience necessary. Students will need to purchase a pottery tool kit available at the campus bookstore or at Hobby Lobby. Class size is limited to 10 students. To register, contact ECCE at (731) 881-7082 or ecce@utm.edu . SGA Freshman Council Freshman Council is a great way to get involved with SGA. Applications are available online (http://sga.utm.edu/) or at the SGA office (214 UC) and are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 3.	Society of Professional Journalists The first SPJ meeting of the year will be held 5 p.m., Sept. 7, in 316 Gooch. Soybean Festival Events Monday, Sept. 6 7 p.m., Downtown Stage 1st Annual Soybean Festival Talent Contest Tuesday, Sept. 7 11:30 a.m., UC Mayor’s Kickoff Luncheon, with speaker Bob Kesling, the “Voice of the Vols.” 6:30 p.m., University Street Soybean Festival Parade 7:30 p.m., Downtown Stage Big Band Concert: “Radio Daze”	Wednesday, Sept. 8 11 a.m., Weldon Library Literary Reading 7 p.m., Downtown Stage Faith and Community Concert featuring Larnelle Harris and Community Choir. Thursday, Sept. 9 5 p.m., Graham Stadium Community Tailgate Picnic 7 p.m., Graham Stadium Kickoff, UTM vs. TSU 9 p.m., Downtown Stage Concert: Soul Shockers Friday, Sept. 10 9 a.m., Weldon Library Friends of the Library Book Sale 5 p.m., Downtown 2nd Annual Soybean Survivor Contest 7 p.m., Weldon Park 11th Annual Chicken Crazy, Hog Wild Barbecue Cookoff 9 p.m., Downtown Stage Classic Rock All-Star Concert, featuring the lead singers from Sugarloaf, Blues Images, Rare Earth and Cannibal & the Headhunters Saturday, Sept. 11 8 a.m., Martin Rec. Complex Soybean Festival 5K Road Race/1 Mile Fun Walk 9 a.m., Weldon Library Friends of the Library Book Sale 4 p.m., Downtown Stage Concert: 10-O-C 7 p.m., Downtown Stage Concert: Tequila Sunrise (Eagles Tribute) 9 p.m., Downtown Stage Concert: Brian McComas
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Colleges converge on Elam Center for cookout

Will York
Asst. Section Editor

Freshmen had the chance to meet leading faculty from their respective colleges last Thursday as part of the Freshman Welcome Week. Deans and many of UTM’s teachers gathered at the Elam Center for the College Cookout, complete with grilled beef brisket.

Helping himself to a plate of home-style food, Jim Byford, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, said, “I think it’s a great idea and I’m impressed with brisket. It looks like a good-looking group of freshmen coming in, and I’m looking forward to the new year.”

By having students sit with their college, they got an opportunity to meet their future teachers, secretaries,

advisers and leadership.

Nick Mounts, a freshman Theater major from Centerville, was initially skeptical about coming to the Freshman Welcome Week activities. With the College Cookout, along with other activities, he said he feels more at ease.

“I was actually impressed that most of the PEP leaders actually seemed to care about us, and I’ve made a lot more friends than I thought I would,” Mounts said.

“[UTM] is big enough to be diverse and be who you want to be, but if there’s a problem I know I could find help,” he said. Mounts said he hopes to get involved with the Vanguard Theatre as the semester progresses.

Mattie Davenport of White House is a Secondary Education major. She also said that she was mostly

pleased with the activities of the week and particularly of college life in general.

Davenport said, “It’s really cool living here because I’m really not used to anyone asking me where I’m going. I’m an only child, so this is really weird.”

Other events took place last week to make the incoming class feel at home, including presentations about UTM departments, motivational talks from provocative speakers, Freshman Central in the UC to answer questions and more.

Students were divided into groups based on interests, led by PEP (Peer Enabling Program) leaders. This year’s theme was “The sky is the limit ... dream big.”

Festival: Continued from cover

The Peacemakers will be followed at 9 p.m. by the Classic Rock All-Stars featuring Jerry Corbetta, lead singer/keyboard player of Sugarloaf; Mike Pinera, lead singer/guitarist of Iron Butterfly and Blues Image; Peter Rivera, lead singer/drummer of Rare Earth; and Dennis Noda of Cannibal and the Headhunters.

At 4 p.m., Sept. 11, 10-O-C will take the stage. With four leads vocalists, the group’s show consists of Top 40 cover tunes, blues, old rock and roll, classic country, novelty songs, rockabilly and original material. Members, all West Tennessee natives, include David McAlpin on lead guitar and lead vocals; Clint Pulse, lead and backup vocals; Keith Sasser, bass guitar and vocals; Phillip Taylor, percussion; and Lee McAlpin, piano, keyboard and backup vocals.

At 7 p.m. Sept. 11, Nashville-based Tequila Sunrise

will perform an Eagles tribute.

Capping the week’s entertainment at 9 p.m. Sept. 11 will be Brian McComas, who scored a Top 10 country hit with “99.9% Sure.” His new single, “You’re in My Head,” is now airing.

Concert-goers are encouraged to take a lawn chair.

The UTM Skyhawk vs. Tennessee State football game will be part of the festival with kickoff at 7 p.m., Sept. 9. A host of pre-game and half-time activities are planned beginning with a tailgate picnic at 5 p.m.

NASCAR fans will have a special attraction, Dale Earnhardt Jr.’s car, which will be displayed from 3-9 p.m. Sept. 10 downtown and from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 11 at the car and truck show.

Also part of this year’s event are the 11th Annual Chicken Crazy, Hog Wild Barbecue Cookoff, sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc., the 8th Annual

Car and Truck Show, sponsored by MTD Products Inc. and Universal Graphics, the Mayor’s Kickoff Luncheon, featuring Bob Kesling, the “Voice of the Vols,” a motorcycle show, children’s events and barrel racing and team roping events. A farmer’s breakfast, golf tournament, road race, pet show, senior adult shuffleboard tournament, carnival rides, soccer jamboree and quilt show add to the festivities. For the first time, the festival will offer a soccer classic on Sept. 4-5 and a talent contest Sept. 6.

The festival is sponsored in part by the city of Martin, First Citizens National Bank, Martin Area Ministerial Alliance, MTD Products Inc., Tyson Foods Inc., UTM and Union City Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

Complete festival information and schedule are posted on the Web at www.tnsoybeanfestival.org

ROTC: Continued from page 4

Gold Bar Recruiter. When asked about his experience of going through the program, Harris said, “It was very positive.”

The ROTC program consists of two programs: (1) the Basic Program, designed for

freshmen and sophomores; and (2) the Advanced Program, designed for juniors and seniors.

Programs include scholarships, National Guard, Green to Gold Scholarship Program, Army Nursing and

Ranger Challenge.

For more information regarding the ROTC and physical training classes, please e-mail Taylor at johnt@utm.edu or stop by his office at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.



Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

12:27 a.m. Aug. 16
University Courts

A student was arrested for domestic abuse. The case was referred to general sessions court.

12:58 a.m. Aug. 16
University Courts

A student found consuming alcohol underage was placed on the first-time offenders list.

8:36 a.m. Aug. 17
Gooch Hall

An employee reports an envelope containing three personal checks missing from her office. Investigation continues.

4:20 p.m. Aug. 22
University Center

A visitor had taken medication without eating. She was transported by ambulance to Volunteer Community Hospital.

9:07 a.m. Aug. 26
Beef Barn No. 2, UTM Farm

A student driving a farm vehicle backed over a post, damaging the brake line on the truck.

9:31 a.m. Aug. 27
McCord Hall

A student with flu symptoms requested to go to the emergency room.

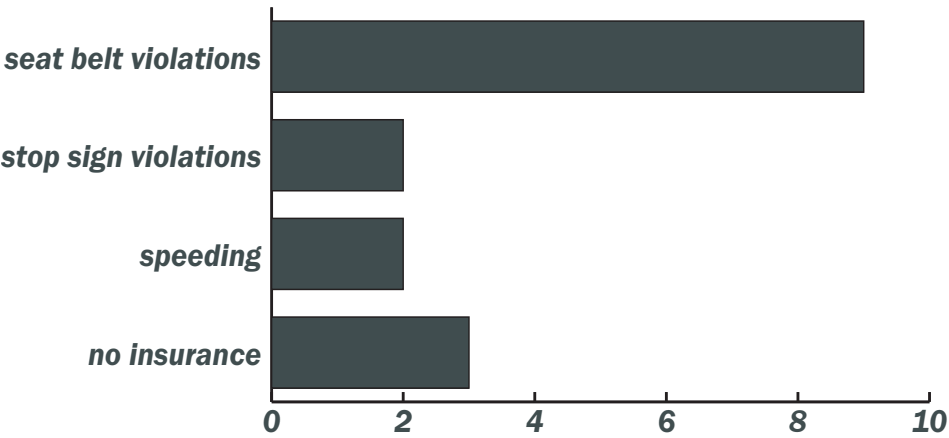
12:57 p.m. Aug. 27
Lot 19, Browning Hall

A car was keyed while parked. Investigation continues.

1:41 a.m. Aug. 28
Browning Hall

A student had been playing basketball earlier in the day and was elbowed in the chest. The pain persisted and she was transported to the hospital for examination and treatment. She has a bruised sternum.

traffic violations
Aug. 16 - Aug. 25



dates to remember

The last day to add or drop a class is Friday, Sept. 3.
The last day to withdraw from a course is Friday, Oct. 22.

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Comedian Series

Thursday,
September 2nd



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Chad Taylor

Comedy / Juggling Show

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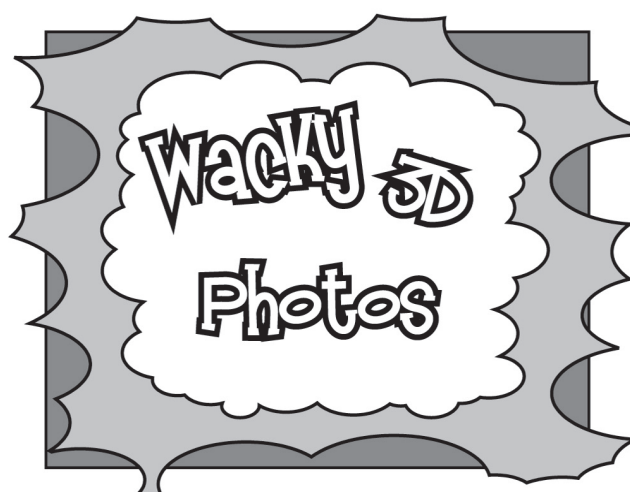


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Fieldhouse Classroom 2059

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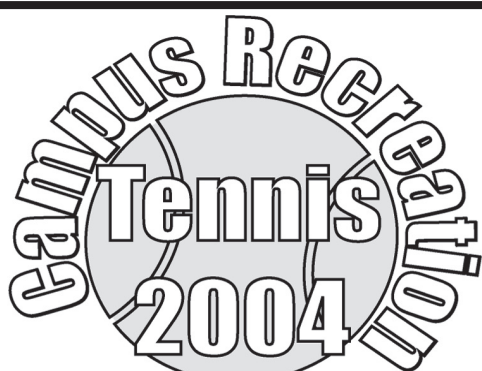
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Fieldhouse Classroom 2059

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Play Begins:
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The University of Tennessee at Martin

Intramural Flag Football



Captain's Meeting:

September 23 @ 7:00 pm
Fieldhouse Classroom 2059

Official's Training Begins:

September 20-22 @ 7:00 pm
Fieldhouse Classroom 2059

Play Begins:

September 26

Cost:

\$50 Per Team

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FOOTBALL GAMES: not just for sport

Skyhawk marching band gears up for opening day

Theresa A. Oliver
Arts and Entertainment Editor

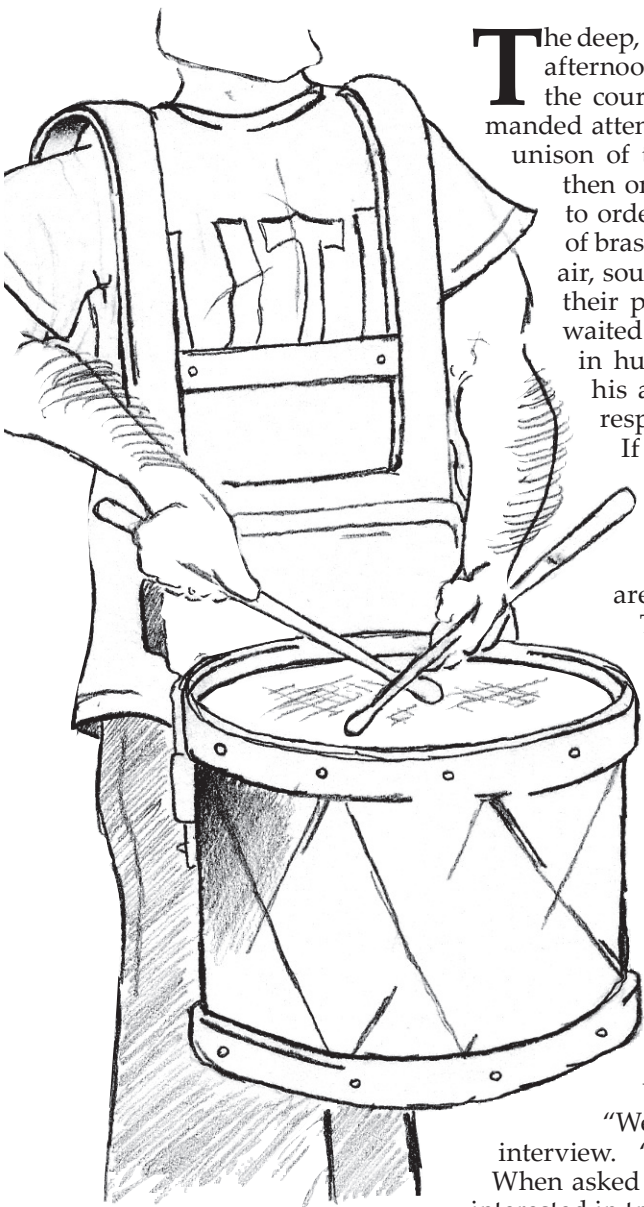


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2004 Tentative Season Schedule

Sep 7	Parade~Soybean Festival
Sep. 9	Game vs. Tennessee State
Sep. 11	Skyhawk Marching Invitational and Exhibition
Sep. 25	WTSBOA Exhibition in Jackson
Oct. 9	Homecoming vs. Jacksonville State (game and parade)
Oct. 23	Game vs. Eastern Illinois
Nov. 6	Game vs. Eastern Kentucky

The deep, resonating sound of percussion filled the air Wednesday afternoon as the UTM Skyhawk marching band warmed up in the courtyard before practice. The percussion section commanded attention from passers-by as sheer power emitted from the unison of their instruments. Director Dr. Brian Amaral waited, then once the percussion section finished, called the practice to order. Then it was the woodwinds' turn. Soon, sounds of brass woodwinds resonated in unison, filling the afternoon air, sounding like one instrument. Once the instruments and their players were warmed up, the director lifted his arms, waited for the attention of his band members as they waited in hushed anticipation, eyes focused on him. Lowering his arms and looking at various band sections, musicians responded in kind ... and it was magic.

If Wednesday's practice is an indication of the melodious stylings the UTM marching band has in store for us on game day, then we are all in for a treat. The band sounded like absolute perfection, making it obvious to passers-by that going to the football games are worthwhile—the game is an added bonus.

The director paused, then said, "I want to take this a bit faster than the music requires." The band responded in kind and it was as if they had been playing together forever, showing that all of the laborious practices they endured over the years had indeed paid off.

Amaral and his band staff used humor to communicate what they wanted from the musicians, and the response was respect and a longing to "do it right."

The practice described above was one of the many sessions in band camp during the course of the past week that began last Friday.

The first to arrive this week was leadership to learn about the upcoming year. Freshmen were brought in on Saturday to ease the transition into college life, to make a connection, to have a first rehearsal and to feel relaxed before meeting upperclassmen. Upperclassmen were brought in Sunday.

"We have a great group of students," Amaral said in a recent interview. "I am very happy about the progress they have made." When asked of his future plans with the band, Amaral said, "I am interested in traveling with the band so people can see what we do and how well we do it." Then Amaral added, "I would love to see this band play at a Titans game next year as well."

Amaral comes to UTM from southern Colorado, where he was teaching college last year.

When field commanderes Megan Hannah and Alicia Booker, both UTM students, were asked about their experience of working with the Skyhawk Marching Band, Hannah quickly replied, "It has been a fabulous experience as of yet." And Booker said, "It has been a great learning experience." Both Field Commanders are the primary conductors during the halftime show and, according to Amaral, are a "tremendous help."

UTM greets new band director

Theresa A. Oliver
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Amaral added, "It's nice to be where family is."

As we begin the new fall semester, UTM greets new Skyhawk Marching Band Director Dr. Brian Amaral, who is a welcome addition to the staff.

Last year, Amaral was teaching in a college in southern Colorado. "When I heard of the opportunity to teach here at UTM, I could not wait to come back to Tennessee," he said.

Amaral received his Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Tennessee Tech as well as his graduate degree; therefore, it was like coming home. He earned his doctorate from the University of Illinois. "It's great to be back in Tennessee and in Martin,"



Amaral

Amaral began his teaching career at Cookeville Middle School and High School throughout the 1990s. "My experience at Cookeville was first rate," Amaral said of the experience. After completing his graduate work, he became a graduate teaching Assistant at the University of Iowa. Upon completion, he taught at Adams State College in southern Colorado.

"I have a lot of familiarity with Tennessee and it is great to be back," Amaral said of his move in an easy stride.

Upon witnessing his congenial nature, friendly demeanor and obvious expertise, it is evident that UTM is lucky for him to join the staff.

The Skyhawk Marching Band plays not only at football games, but also at exhibitions, including the Skyhawk Marching Invitational and Exhibition, WTSBOA Exhibition in Jackson, tentative exhibition at Cordova High School and another tentative exhibition at Goodpasture High School. The UTM Marching Band serves and supports the music programs within Tennessee and is host to the UTM Honor Band Symposium and the Skyhawk Invitational Marching Band Festival, according to their Web site.

Band members are also afforded the opportunity to perform within other UTM music groups and ensembles as well, including not only the Skyhawk marching band, but the Mid-Court Players and basketball band.

Scholarships are also available for band members as well, selected upon "promise of outstanding musical performance and colorguard skills."

Please come out and show your support for the Skyhawk Marching Band. After all, football games are not just for sport.

SAC's 909 kicks off with Gerry Dee

Comedian offers advice to freshmen

Will York
Asst. Sections Editor

At 9:14 p.m. Thursday, the 909 Comedian Series, sponsored by the Student Activities Council, launched this year's series of well-regarded comic entertainers at the Watkins Auditorium in the UC. As the name of the series implies, the 909 events are all slated to begin at 9:09 p.m.

Gerry Dee was first on this year's lineup and entertained mostly freshmen, but several seniors were on hand as well. Dee performed at UTM this spring. He dealt with topics ranging from his years as a 12th-grade history teacher, to teaching PE, to marijuana use, to working for his Italian neighbor.

Dee, son of Scottish immigrants, also admitted that he is Canadian. "We got six Olympic medals right now; you got one guy that has eight," he said. Dee recalled memories from his childhood, including working for an Italian neighbor who truncated the word "coffee" to "coff." He joked that he was scarred as a child when his neighbor would tell him in a heavy Italian accent, "Hey Gerr, you wanna go fa coff?"

Dee shared another psychologically scarring event in the sixth grade. "They should get rid of that reading aloud in school," he said. "Nobody's going to listen. You'd always count ahead to see which paragraph you'd have to read and pray you got an easy one. At least there was always the guy that was seven reading levels below you."

When studying fractions in sixth grade, Dee recalls receiving his grade in fraction form, which he was

unable to understand.

Dee claimed to be the fifth-best dancer in Canada, and he challenged one of UTM's own to a dance-off. Daryl Adams, a 17-year-old Business major from Memphis, rose to the challenge. Adams said, "I want something hard, like rap or something." Adams performed his impromptu hip-hop style dance and Dee followed with his routine to *Ice Ice Baby*.

Aside from the comedic moments, Dee gave critical advice to the freshmen in the room. "This isn't a comedy show. This is about staying in school and not smoking pot, you potheads." He also had wise words for education majors. "One thing they don't tell you when you start teaching is if you go drinking, you plan up something where you don't have to talk the next day. I gave my kids assignments on Moses."

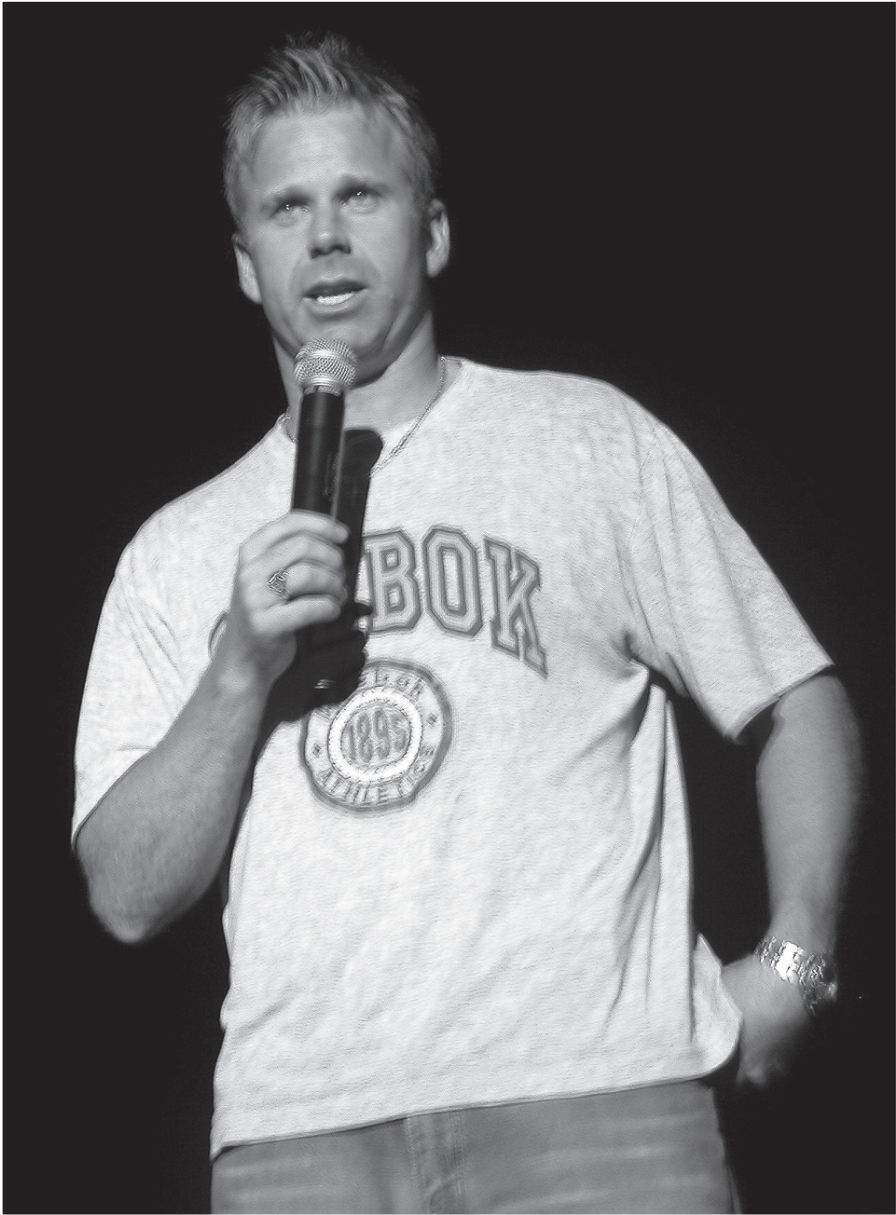
The 909 comedian aroused a hearty standing ovation from the moderate-sized assembly.

Dee has performed on *The Late Late Show* with Craig Kilborn and on the *Mike Bullard Show*.

"I'm on the way to South Africa to perform in the Cape Town Comedy Festival and I got a film coming up in October called *Head Coach*." Dee will produce and star in the film. Dee moved to Hollywood to begin his entertainment career in earnest in 2003.

Sheena Hickerson, executive chair of Student Activities Council, said that she wished the turnout would have been higher for the event, but "the show went over very well."

"We put a lot of time and effort to put on these shows. Students have



already paid the cost with their student fees," Hickerson said. The SAC anticipates a higher turnout for other shows.

The next entertainer in the 909

series will be "Mad" Chad Taylor at 9:09 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2.



Movies for September:

SEPTEMBER 1, WEDNESDAY
HIDALGO AT 9 PM (OUTDOOR STAGE)

SEPTEMBER 8, WEDNESDAY
AGAINST THE ROPES AT 9 PM

SEPTEMBER 10, FRIDAY
STARSKY & HUTCH AT 10 PM

SEPTEMBER 15, WEDNESDAY
BIG BOUNCE AT 9 PM

SEPTEMBER 22, WEDNESDAY
THE LAST SAMURAI AT 9 PM

SEPTEMBER 24, FRIDAY
THE RUNDOWN AT 10 PM

SEPTEMBER 29, WEDNESDAY
PAYCHECK AT 9 PM

All movies are free and are shown in the UC Watkins Auditorium.



Collateral fast, suspenseful, but plot drags on for too long

Elizabeth Watts
Assistant Section Editor

Collateral follows Max, a cab driver played by Jamie Foxx, as he makes his rounds throughout Los Angeles. He gets thrown into the middle of a conspiracy when he realizes he's driving around a hitman, played by Tom Cruise, that's been paid to kill certain people. When Max drops the hitman off at his first stop, he hears gunshots and a body falls on his taxi, breaking his windshield. For the rest of the night, the assassin recruits Max to drive him around to his five remaining hits before taking him to LAX, Los Angeles airport, to catch the next plane out of town. *Collateral* could very well be the first dramatic role for Jamie Foxx. There's nothing funny about this movie. No

jokes, no hilarious remarks, just pure drama. Foxx does a great job in breaking away from his "funny guy" persona and falling into a serious supporting actor role. He does a great job in conveying his emotions and thoughts to the camera and delivers each line like he was actually driving a hitman around Los Angeles in a cab. Cruise plays Victor, the hitman who is been hired to take out the witnesses and the prosecuting attorney for a case that's causing a lot of stress around Los Angeles. The FBI and the LAPD are working on the same case and Cruise is riding around LA in the back of a cab, taking out their witnesses and prosecuting attorney. *Collateral* is a great movie. The plot moves fast and you don't know what's going to happen next. *Collateral* is also a horrible movie at points because it seems that the plot keeps dragging on and

on. You want to scream at the movie screen, "HURRY UP ALREADY!" Ironically, I fell asleep during the first 20 minutes of the movie, but once Cruise started shooting people, I was wide awake. Cruise plays the part of a hitman well, but viewers might not believe that Cruise IS the hitman. Cruise takes on the same heartlessness and cold, unfeeling emotions as any hitman would have. However, when you look up at the screen, you don't see a hitman. You see Tom Cruise playing a hitman. The acting is somewhat convincing but the plot and storyline are so slow that you just want the five witnesses to die already so you can catch Taco Bell before it closes. I wouldn't recommend this movie if there are other blockbuster movies out, but if you don't have anything to do, and no other movie sounds good, watch it. It's not all that bad.



Adrien Brody plays Noah Percy in *The Village*, a film written, produced and directed by M. Night Shyamalan.

'The Village' thought provoking, spellbinding

Elizabeth Watts
Asst. Section Editor

If you've ever seen *The Village* by M. Night Shyamalan, you know that red is the bad color. So, on my way home from Dyersburg, my friends were pointing at me and shouting, "The bad color!" I just happened to wear a red shirt to the movies. Go figure. *The Village*, released July 30 by Touchstone Pictures, is about Covington, a small village in rural Pennsylvania. The population of the village is confined to a small area surrounded by trees. The residents of Covington believe if you step into the woods, evil mythical creatures cloaked in red will kill you. In order to keep these

evil creatures from invading their village, they bury any object that is red and refuse to wear any clothing that is red. All I can tell you is that a woman boldly steps into the haunted woods for the love of her fiance'. If I tell you any more, I'll ruin the movie for you. M. Night Shyamalan, who also produced *Signs*, *Unbreakable* and *The Sixth Sense*, takes you on a journey through the woods that will leave you amazed at the end. Questions throughout the movies will be answered as the movie wraps up, just as they were in *The Sixth Sense*. Many great leading actors and actresses played supporting roles in *The Village*. Adrien Brody, who starred

in *The Pianist*, plays a mentally ill man that lets jealousy get the best of him. He finds out Covington's secrets, and tries to get his revenge. Sigourney Weaver, the leading actress in *Aliens*, plays an elder of Covington that wants to keep the secrets of the village hidden. *The Village* is both thought provoking and spellbinding that will leave you thinking for days. Three days after I saw *The Village*, it hit me why the elders sent that particular girl in the woods. But don't ask me, go watch *The Village* and find out for yourself. Like Alfred Hitchcock, M. Night Shyamalan makes a cameo in every one of his movies. I found him in *The Village*. See if you can.

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“Work hard, play hard, pray hard and love your family.”

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Dr. Nick Dunagan, Chancellor

Editor’s Corner



Theresa A. Oliver
Arts and Entertainment

Welcome to UTM and another great year. I am the new Arts and Entertainment Editor for *The Pacer* this year and I look forward to serving you in any way that I can. This means that if you would like to see certain Arts and Entertainment related features and stories, just e-mail me and let me know. You may contact me through *The Pacer* at pacer_features@mars.utm.edu.

Also keep in mind that if you have a great idea for a story, write it and submit it to me here at *The Pacer* as well. All majors are invited to submit. You may think that you have nothing to write about, but contrai-re, you do! Perhaps you travel to your hometown and see a great play. Write a review of the evening and of the performance and submit it. Everyone would love to hear about it. Or you may go to New York on vacation and you may see a Broadway play. Write a review or a story of your experience and your honest (be nice) perceptions of the play and submit it. We are also taking submissions of museum art exhibits, reviews of good books, poems and short stories.

If you read a poem that you like, classic or new, submit a critique of it. Perhaps you attend a concert, either on campus, in Martin, Jackson or Memphis, send us a full report. We are taking submissions in all venues of music from hip-hop to reggae to classical to rock and, yes, even country. If you like it, write about it and others will want to read about it. I am also taking submissions of feature articles in all related areas of the Arts and Entertainment world.

Now let’s talk about television. If you have a favorite television show, irreverent or not, just write a story and submit it.

In addition, this year I will be requesting student poetry and short, short story submissions for a UTM Creative Corner. I will also be requesting Quotable Quotes from your favorite teacher (with permission, of course), from a famous person or any quote that you find inspiring.

As always, when submitting, please include your name, hometown, classification and major. Without it, we cannot accept the submission.

Have a great year and if I can serve you in any way, just let me know. And submit, submit, submit!

UTM Creative Corner

The Measure of Success

Theresa A. Oliver
Arts and Entertainment Editor

I hurry up and rush about,
I go and go until time runs out.
I rush to a meeting, I know I hate,
I kiss them goodbye, because I’m late.

But then I stop for a moment before I open the door,
And I realize something that I didn’t before.
My real success will not be measured now,
But when they grow up and they take their bow.

I measure my success when I look into their eyes,
When their hearts are filled with love, when their minds are wise.
When they respect others and they are kind,
Then my success will be measured within my mind.

But when I meet God and He asks me what I’ve done,
I’ll say, “You know, Lord, you, too, have a son.”
I would like to say, “Lord, I spent time with my boys,
I fed them, loved them and shared in their joys.”

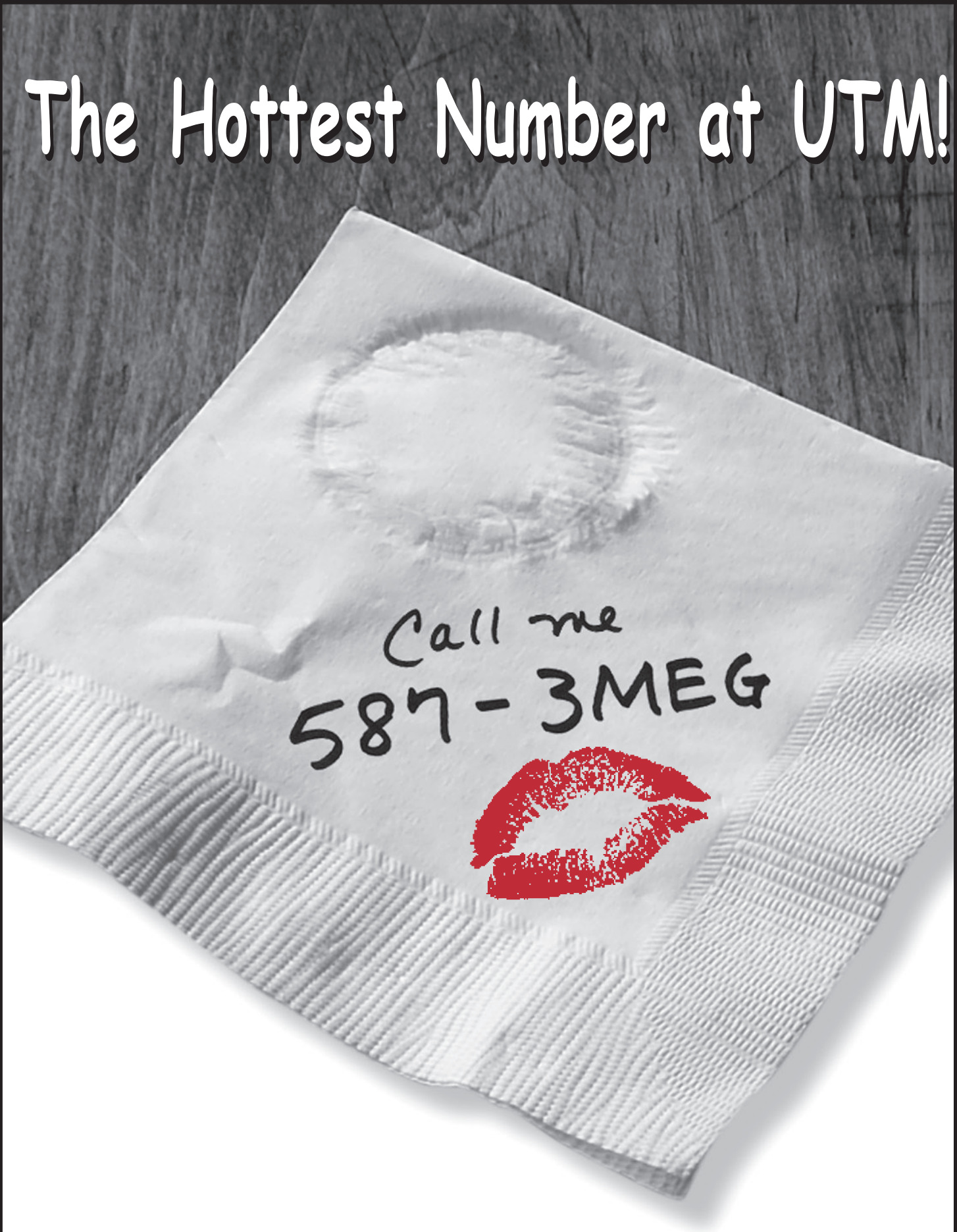
I’d like to say, “Lord, I did not rush about,
I didn’t hurry to meetings and leave my kids out.”
But I know I’d be lying and this I can not do,
Not only would I know, but He would know, too.

I know He would judge me just as sure as I’m here,
And I know I would tremble, shaking in fear.
I know that I loved them, and taught them wrong from right,
But that’s not enough, not in His sight.

Then He would look kindly into my eyes,
Outstretching His hands, my tears, He dries.
“My child,” he would say, “You know that it’s true,
I, too, have a son and I love Him, too.”

“It’s true that you had quite little time,
But don’t take it so hard; don’t be so sublime.
I measure success not in time that you spend,
but in the quality of time that you share with a friend.”

He takes me in His arms, knowing that I did my best,
And He tells me, “You forgot something, you forgot the rest.
You, little one, are a child of mine, too,



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'Hawks take on Broncos Thursday

Season opener at Western Michigan

UTM Sports Information

The UTM football team took the first step in the right direction under the leadership of first-year head coach Matt Griffin and a cast of young guns who proved they could play in the OVC.

The Skyhawks return 35 lettermen from a team that finished 2-10 last season.

The two wins were over Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech. The 21-20 win over Austin Peay was a great way to open the 2003 season. Unfortunately for the Skyhawks they gave up 13 fourth-quarter points and survived a late scare. The other unfortunate twist in the game was an arm injury to sophomore quarterback Brady Wahlberg. It was an injury that would force the Panama City, Fla. native to the bench for four consecutive games.

During the four-game stretch the Skyhawks suffered losses to Arkansas State, East Tennessee State (in overtime), Western Illinois and OVC foe Tennessee State. The absence of Wahlberg was apparent. The Skyhawks were outscored 174-23 in the four games. During Wahlberg's absence the Skyhawks continued to mature.

Wahlberg made his return to the starting lineup on Oct. 4, homecoming. His presence was evident. He led the Skyhawks to a 30-23, come-from-behind, homecoming victory that ended a 43-game OVC losing streak. Before the Tech win, the last UTM win was Nov. 2, 1996, when the Skyhawks defeated Southeast Missouri State, 7-6.

The victory over Tennessee



Photo: UTM Sports Information

Senior Russell Gambrell (Cornerback) led the team in solo tackles last season with 58 and tied for first with one other teammate with 69.0 total tackles.



UTM Skyhawks @ WMU Broncos



Tech was fueled by Wahlberg who rushed for 100 yards on 19 carries, threw for 188 yards and a touchdown, completed 22-of-35 passes with two interceptions and earned two national honors for his effort in the game.

Wahlberg continued to provide the Skyhawks with the necessary leadership in conference games against Jacksonville State, Samford, Eastern Illinois, Southeast Missouri State, Eastern Kentucky and Murray State. He set new school records with 44 completions and 65 passing attempts against Jacksonville State.

The Skyhawks staged a fourth-quarter run and kept the eventual OVC champs on the rope. The fourth-quarter rallies became a habit in four of the Skyhawks' last five

games of the season. The rallies were like icing on a cake. They signified the Skyhawks were a team that was going to play each play and adhere to Griffin's newly instilled philosophy of hard work pays off.

In the last five games of the season, Wahlberg and the Skyhawk receivers kept baffling defenses. Freshmen Taurean Stephens, Blake Butler and Cole Duncan played like upper classmen. The Skyhawks racked up 1,326 yards of passing in the stretch.

Stephens emerged as one of the top receivers in the country, averaging 10.1 yards per catch. He hauled in 66 passes for 665 yards. The young talent was the result of Griffin and his staff's outstanding recruiting effort, an effort

that usually spans a year, but because Griffin was hired right before Christmas 2003, the process was packed into six months. And now that the Skyhawks are standing on the first step, plans are set for the 2004 season.

Griffin has 15 offensive starters returning, including Wahlberg and Duncan. Running backs Andrew Staten and Justin Glover are also back.

The biggest chore for the 2004 season could be replacing the experience of Lee Lawrence and Michael Jackson on the offensive line.

With Lawrence and Jackson the Skyhawks finished among the top five teams in the OVC for pass offense. The line made it possible for Wahlberg to throw for

TSU game will be televised live over the Internet

UTM Sports Information

Sportsview.tv, the broadband TV sports network for Digital Media Broadcasting Corp. (DMBC), has announced that it signed the UTM to an agreement to broadcast its sporting events. The first University of Tennessee at Martin event airing live on Sportsview.tv will be the Sept. 9 football game against Tennessee State.

"Sportsview.tv is providing us with global visibility for our football program and extending our reach to a wider audience of alumni, students and fans," said Phil Dane, UTM Athletic Director.

"We're extremely excited about the high-quality broadcast delivery of Sportsview.tv and the unique way they will be showcasing our games. Fans anywhere will be able to catch our battle against Tennessee State live from their broadband TV and PC. And Sportsview offers our fans an interactive viewing experience with complementary content such as player information and game schedules. It's like having our own TV network broadcasting around the world!"

Dennis Butts, DMBC's chairman and chief executive officer was impressed with UTM's athletic program and its leadership,

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2004 Season Schedule Skyhawk Football

Time	Date	Place
7:00 PM	Thu, Sep 2	@ Western Michigan
7:00 PM	Thu, Sep 9	Tennessee State
12:00 PM	Sat, Sep 18	@ Austin Peay
1:00 PM	Sat, Sep 25	@ Indiana State
12:00 PM	Sat, Oct 2	@ Tennessee Tech *
2:00 PM	Sat, Oct 9	Jacksonville State [HC]
1:00 PM	Sat, Oct 16	@ Samford *
12:00 PM	Sat, Oct 23	Eastern Illinois *
1:00 PM	Sat, Oct 30	@ Southeast Missouri *
12:00 PM	Sat, Nov 6	Eastern Kentucky *
1:30 PM	Sat, Nov 13	@ Murray State *

* Ohio Valley Conference Game
[HC] Homecoming

Source: <http://www.utmsports.com/>

Tansil named women's basketball head coach

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

Tara Tansil was named the new head women's basketball coach at UTM on July 30.

This came after the former coaches, Gary and Kim Van Atta, resigned, citing family reasons.

"The reason we are leaving UT Martin is because of our family, our immediate family as well as our extended family," said Gary Van Atta. "UT Martin gave us the opportunity to be a basketball family and this move will allow us to continue that. We will be able to watch our daughter (KC) play. She will be able to watch her father coach. We won't have to drive to make it to her game and she won't have to rush to make it to our game.

"Kim, KC and I are Skyhawks and we will

always be Skyhawks. This is not a decision to take a new basketball coaching job, but I have two younger sisters who have been diagnosed with cancer and we want to be with family."

Tansil has been an assistant coach for the Skyhawks during the past eight years, during which the team had a 105-122 record.

"I am very happy and very excited," Tansil said. "I am just glad to have the opportunity to work for a program that I love and respect. I have played hard here, and I can work very hard for UT Martin."

Because of Tansil's success on the court as a player, in 1996 UTM retired her No. 24 jersey. She ended her



tenure as the team's second all-time leading scorer, with 1,072 points, and in 2000 was inducted into the UTM Athletics Hall of Fame.

Last season, the Skyhawks went 11-16 and finished seventh in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The team went to the OVC tournament for the seventh time in nine years, and has made it to the championship game twice in the past eight. In 1999, the Skyhawks had a 22-9 record, won the OVC title and made it to the second round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament (WNIT).

Tansil hopes to get the team back to that caliber of playing after last year's losing record.

Helping her to take the team to the next level will be

10 returning letter winners and three starters.

Returning seniors are Chandra Carey from Little Rock, Ark., Leigh Ann Davidson from Jackson, Jenny Lannom and Danielle Paige, both from Bradford.

Tansil also takes on the task of hiring two new assistant coaches. A press conference will be held once the staff is in place.

The Skyhawks open their season at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 in an exhibition game against Spalding University.

They next will take on the Lambuth Lady Eagles at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 16.

Over the course of their season, the team will travel to Lincoln, Neb., N.C. to take on Chapel Hill, and to Denver, Colo. for a tournament over Christmas Break.

Soccer falls to Mocs, looks ahead to Belmont

The UTM soccer team faced disappointment in its season opener against the UT Chattanooga Lady Mocs. The Skyhawks fell 4-1 in Friday's match at Finley stadium in Chattanooga.

The Lady Mocs came out strong, scoring the first goal only five minutes into the game. They continued this effort throughout the first half, scoring all four goals before the break.

Diana Jallo was the Chattanooga

Women's Soccer

standout, earning a hat trick, as she scored three of the Lady Mocs goals in the contest. Tirza Ridgely provided the fourth goal.

The Skyhawks struggled to come back, scoring their first and only goal of the game late in the second half. Freshman Sarah Bedell netted the goal for UTM, receiving the assist from

senior Ginger Schmitt and fellow freshman Katie Behrens.

Skyhawk goalkeeper Megan Dempsey was able to fight off seven shots by the Lady Mocs.

UT Chattanooga outshot the Skyhawks 21 to eight. UTM is now 0-1 in regular season play.

The Skyhawks will return to competition at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, as they travel to Belmont.

Skyhawk of the week??

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

Well, the summer is over and its back to the weekly Pacer sports grind. Returning readers will notice a few changes from last year.

I've taken over the sports editor job, a notch up on

the totem pole from my assistant spot last semester.

I'm going to try something new if my executive editor will let me. I want to do a Skyhawk of the week, highlighting one particular athlete for their performance. If you have nominations, please e-mail them to me! Go Skyhakws!!

OVC honors UTM athletes for their achievments on and off the field

UTM Sports Information

UTM received a league-high 11 Ohio Valley Conference Medals of Honor. In all, 84 student-athletes from 18 sports received OVC Medals of Honor.

The Medal of Honor is given annually to the student-athlete who achieves the highest grade point average in a conference-sponsored sport.

All 84 of the student-athletes who earned a medal achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Eastern Illinois, Morehead State and UTM tied with a league-high 11 Medal of Honor recipients apiece.

The UTM Medal of Honor recipients were Zach Parham (baseball); Jenny Lannom (women's basketball); Kimberly VanWinkle (women's cross country); Rachel Callahan and Lindsey Tilk (women's soccer); Meagen Sturdivant, Kelly Swafford (softball); and Maribeth Hanneman, Krissy Neumann and Kirsten Thompson (vol-

UTM OVC Academic honor recipients

Nick Bruner	Baseball	Damien Harris	Football	Kristin Runyan	Softball
Justin Bryant	Baseball	Ben Harrison	Football	Meagen Sturdivant	Softball
Micky Dobson	Baseball	Markeseo Jackson	Football	Kelly Swafford	Softball
Michael Frabrizio	Baseball	Zac Kleinfelder	Football	Holly Templeton	Softball
Scott McLean	Baseball	Lee Lawrence	Football	Christa Webb	Softball
Ben Meador	Baseball	Chad McMahan	Football	Emily Webb	Softball
Douglas Nicodemus	Baseball	Brady Wahlberg	Football	Brandy Whalen	Softball
Zach Parham	Baseball	Scott Carpenter	Golf	Jennifer Young	Softball
Jared Newson	Men's Basketball	Reise Kelly	Golf	Gustavo Anzola	Men's Tennis
Tiffany Brundige	Women's Basketball	Brad Walters	Golf	William Taylor	Men's Tennis
Leigh Ann Davidson	Women's Basketball	Devra Harvey	Rifle	Lucas Tregansin	Men's Tennis
Jenny Lannom	Women's Basketball	Carson Kuehn	Rifle	Ana Bakran	Women's Tennis
Lindsey Mazzetti	Women's Basketball	Brian Stiles	Rifle	Jeanne DeWet	Women's Tennis
Danielle Page	Women's Basketball	Jessie Wilson	Rifle	Katrina Domela	Women's Tennis
Keva Robinson	Women's Basketball	Rachel Callahan	Soccer	Elly Shearman	Women's Tennis
Torre Thomas	Women's Basketball	Brittney Drye	Soccer	Jamie Fitzwater	Volleyball
Julie Young	Women's Basketball	Angela Fiddler	Soccer	Maribeth Hanneman	Volleyball
Phillip Gordon	Men's Cross Country	Tabitha Fishburn	Soccer	Heather Kea	Volleyball
Darrell Lewis	Men's Cross Country	Katie Hausauer	Soccer	Mandy Krol	Volleyball
Hannah Clawson	Women's Cross Country	Meghann Jordan	Soccer	Krissy Neumann	Volleyball
Angelina Gracian	Women's Cross Country	Ginger Schmitt	Soccer	Rebecca Palmer	Volleyball
Shalaine Phaup	Women's Cross Country	Lindsey Tilk	Soccer	Leigh Reiniche	Volleyball
Mary-Tatum Ray	Women's Cross Country	Angela Baize	Softball	Dimphy Sasse	Volleyball
Kimberly Van Winkle	Women's Cross Country	Allison Buckley	Softball	Trish Schroeder	Volleyball
Bart Browder	Football	Beth Buttrey	Softball	Kirsten Thompson	Volleyball
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